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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: U.N. VISIT TO TURKEY REGARDING GOT'S POPPY CONTROL PROGRAM

1. DE BEUS ADVISES THAT ON OCCASION HIS JULY VISIT TURKEY HE PRESSED HARD ON QUESTION ALKALOIDS FACTORY CAPACITY, RELATED ISSUE OF EXTENT LICENSED ACREAGE AND QUESTION OF EXPANSION POPPY CULTIVATION BEYOND SEVEN PROVINCES.

2. REPORTS HE TOOK UP MATTER FACTORY CAPACITY SEVERAL TIMES. ARGUED STRONGLY THAT TO START WITH CAPACITY AS LARGE AS 20,000 TONS WAS UNWISE BOTH FROM ECONOMIC AND CONTROL POINT OF VIEW. ADVOCATED INSTEAD THAT GOT START ON MORE MODEST BASIS, INCREASING CAPACITY AS ECONOMIC AND CONTROL FACTORS WARRANTED. DE BEUS NOTES THAT UNHAPPILY HIS ADVICE FELL ON DEAF EARS. HE WAS TOLD FIRMLY BY OZAL THAT DECISION START WITH 20,000 TON CAPACITY HAD BEEN TAKEN AND WOULD BE MAINTAINED. TURKISH AUTHORITIES ALSO INDICATED THAT EXTENT AUTHORIZED ACREAGE WOULD BE GEARED TO THIS CAPACITY.

3. ON QUESTION OF POSSIBLE EXPANSION LICENSED CULTIVATION
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BEYOND SEVEN PROVINCES, DE BEUS SAYS HE MADE CLEAR THAT

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UNFDAC'S DECISION SUPPORT TURKISH CONTROL PROGRAM
ASSUMED FROM OUTSET THAT GROWING AREA WOULD BE LIMITED
EXCLUSIVELY TO PROVINCES ENUMERATED IN 1974 DECREE
LIFTING POPPY BAN. HE WARNED AGAINST EXPANSION BEYOND
THOSE PROVINCES AND STRESSED THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD
OPEN UP BOTH TURKEY AND UN TO CRITICISM FROM UNFDAC'S
DONORS. NOTES HE WAS TOLD THAT THERE IS STRONG PRESSURE
IN TURKEY TO EXPAND LICENSED ACREAGE TO OTHER PROVINCES
BUT THERE WAS NO PRESENT INTENTION DO THIS. CATTO

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